

DRC Opens With Record Handle

A great performance by an apprentice rider, another winning start by record-holding Jockey Bob Gallimore and outsiders marked the start of the Detroit Race Course's 84-day meeting. The DRC, beginning its 18th racing season in Livonia, enjoyed the biggest opening day mutual handle in its history. While the crowd of 13,689 was down slightly from a year ago, the fans wagered \$1,013,321 on the nine-race card.

It marked the first Opening Day the DRC ever passed the million-dollar mark. The turnout and handle was particularly encouraging to DRC President Dale Shafer, for as the recent civil disturbances in Detroit had cast a shadow of doubt as how fans might respond early in the meeting.

"I think our opening is a demonstration of the important part Thoroughbred racing and other sports play in the lives of people in metropolitan Detroit," Shafer said. "After our recent trials and tribulations, the people are anxious for an opportunity to relax and racing gives them the opportunity to do it."

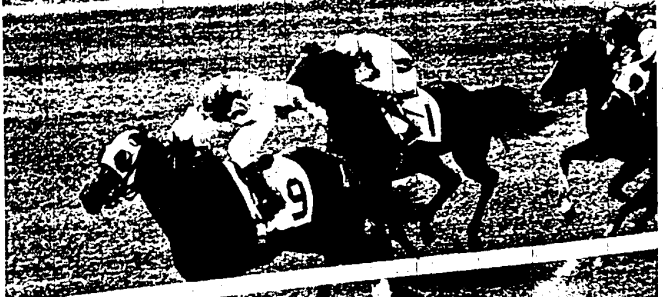
The apprentice rider who captured attention at the outset of the DRC meeting was Jerry Santage.

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Hi and then came back in the fourth race to score with Waystobegay.

Gallimore, who established an all-time DRC record last year by riding 116 winners and then was the top rider at the Fairgrounds at New Orleans and in the recent Hazel Park meeting, started well also.

He piloted Ruddles Mills to victory in the third race and then scored with Regal Foot in the sixth for his contract employer, Detroit's T. A. Grissom.



RIDING TECHNIQUES: Here's a brilliant demonstration of riding techniques by two top jockeys at the Detroit Race Course. Bob Gallimore, who established an all-time record of 116 victories last season at the DRC, is shown whipping vigorously with his left hand as he tries to

keep Brentwood Bell (No. 9) in front. Meanwhile, Jerry Santage on Terra Hi (No. 1) is hand riding his mount during the drive. Santage and Terra Hi won in a close finish. Santage, an apprentice rider, won three races. Gallimore captured two victories on the inaugural card.

Redford Twp. Baseballers Near Trip To ABC State Tournament

Barring a complete reversal of form, Redford Township's Class A baseball team has won a trip to Battle Creek for the State American Baseball Congress tournament later this month.

With a 17-3 record in the Greater Dearborn League, Redford appears to have a cozy command as the regular season prepares to end this Thursday.

However, there are a batch of rainouts to be made up—and this could dethrone the Townshipers, but it isn't likely.

In the makeup department, most of the action will involve Livonia's Pevs-McDonough and King Boring of Dearborn, who have had four straight meetings washed out.

In fact, the teams still haven't collided this year. They hope to get their series officially underway again this Wednesday night.

It's possible that not all of the rained out games will be made up.

"My understanding is that we'll play as many as needed to settle who gets into the playoffs," said Jerry Stockwell, Livonia manager.

Redford, or the loop champ, won't vie in the playoff. The kingpins automatically go to Battle Creek.

Only teams with .500 or better records enter the post-season series.

At the moment, it appears only Livonia (10-5) and King Boring (11-4) will make it.

"We could be playing King Boring all the rest of the summer," declared Stockwell, after rain washed out last Sunday's game with King off Back.

The Redford-Inkster game also was called off, due to the rain.

The Townshipers coasted to an easy 7-3 win over Dearborn Heights in their

few.

Rick Fisher, with help from Tom Tanner, hurled for the winners.

Redford scored twice in the first inning with the benefit of only one hit. In the third Gary Schaefer homered after Dave Wolch walked.

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AMONG WINNERS in the Detroit Metropolitan Junior Olympics in Belleville were these members of the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation team. The group: (from left) Carolyn Mauch, 15788 Riverside Drive; Cindy Snyder, 23825 Richland;

Mike Campbell, 26232 Lawrence Drive; Cecile Zacharias, 9102 Gillman; Marilyn Mauch, 15788 Riverside Drive; Robert Hood, 8966 Livonia; and Terry Camilleri, 14851 Ellen Drive.

Boys Win Trophies in Two Events

The 10th annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Physical Fitness Program was held Thursday at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park.

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department held one of the competitive events this year: the running long jump. The department provided starters, recorders, judges, and markers for all of the age groups participating in the event.

In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department sent its local Physical Fitness winners in to competition with 78 other cities from the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Homey Ice won the Boys' Class "A" Running Long Jump with a leap of 17'3".

Observing SPORTS

By George Maslin

It was a warm afternoon in early April. The place: Tigertown, Fla., U.S.A.

Ed Katalinas, chief scout for the Detroit Tigers, brought two young men over to where we were standing. One was Dave Wolch, the other Arnold Helwig.

Both Wolch and Helwig hail from Redford Township. Both had played at Thurston High and in the Greater Livonia sandlot baseball program.

Now they were at Tigertown in Lakeland, Fla., hopeful of starting the long march that some day might land them in the uniform of the parent Tigers who run Tigertown each spring in their never-ending search to find major league players.

We wanted to meet Wolch and Helwig to get their reactions and also to pose a picture with them and Joe Sparma, a Livonian who happens to be one of the ace pitchers on the Tiger staff.

It was something like 300 yards across the field from Tigertown to Marchmont Stadium where the Tigers were working out and where the photographer was waiting.

"This has to be the longest walk in the world," declared Wolch.

What he had in mind, of course, was that few actually make it from Tigertown to Marchmont. Those who do must endure three, four, five seasons in the minor leagues, riding buses, living in second-class hotels and barely making expenses meet.

The other afternoon we talked with Wolch again.

Farmington Stars Aid In Victory

Three players from Farmington's American Legion baseball team played a part in the 6-0 shutout the 18th District All Stars scored over the Third District Stars at Capax.

This was the annual game, usually held at Tiger Stadium. But the scene was shifted this season because of the disorder in the Motor City.

Joe Himmelreich of Farmington handled five chances and started two "around-the-horn" double plays for the winners.

Farmington teammates Chris Norton and Tom Webster operated in the outfield and behind the bat, respectively.

None of the Farmington players got a hit. The Farmington team, although eliminated from playoff contention, will play a series of games with area teams during the next few weeks.

Wins U.S. Honors

A Livonia-owned dog won best of breed in the International Dog Show at Chicago last Saturday night.

The dog was American and Canadian Ch. Cree Squire, C.D., a Shetland sheepdog, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Don Henderson of Livonia.

Should High Schools Carry Baseball Through Summer?

It's been suggested that high schools should carry on their baseball programs during the summer months.

The proponents of such a move contend that it would be smarter, if:

- 1—The preps waited for a few weeks—until say, May 1—start their seasons, and then ran on into August, thereby averting the bad weather and making for a longer and more interesting season.
- 2—The preps were to delay their starts, coaches, too, would have a better chance to ready their forces for the season.
- 3—The players would have a chance to play more regularly in the summer when they have more time and classes aren't in session.

In Greater Livonia, the Connie Mack League in reality has amounted to a virtual summer baseball league for high schools.

Most of the prep teams have operated virtually intact as summer units under the same or different names.

There's the Bentley team, for example, which copped the annual Livonia Invitational tourney last May. The some boys posted a 15-2 record in the Michigan National League and starting Wednesday, 8-6 for the state district honors at Ann Arbor, playing a team from Trenton.

Earl Morrill of Redford Township, the American League Mack champs, is stacked with members of the Redford Union team which shared the Suburban Six League title with Plymouth High.

The Plymouth high players have summured under the banner of the Plymouth Optimists . . . and again done well . . . Thurston High players have performed with Big Boy of South Redford . . . Stevenson High charges with the Spartans . . . Franklin with the Philippi Giants . . . Garden City East and Garden City West with McFarlane-King.

"This is great," says Herb Schroeder, the Bentley summer coach who in the spring coaches at Dearborn High. "Other areas might look to what we are doing around here. We have kept baseball interest running very high through the summer."

Bentley finished its regular summer schedule with a 12-2 record. A strong pitching staff of Dave Gorton, Hank Schoenbeck, Ken Grates and Wayne Paulson has handled the opposition well.

Meanwhile, Gorton and Greg May have led a hitting attack which has

brought in 94 runs in the last six games.

The Redford-Morrill team is guided by Bob Atkins, the RU coach. His team finished 11-3-1 and began its district bid for Mack honors on Tuesday in the tournament at Wyandotte.

Morrill dropped its final league game Saturday when downed by the Spartans, 3-0, as Jerry Dettler, whose dad

runs the Spartans, flipped a neat two hitter and fanned four batters.

Greg Wilkinson scored the first run for the Spartans being driven over by Phil Camp. Triples by John Kladyk and Gene Walker and a single by Dave Lowe led to the other two Spartans' runs.

It was the second straight shutout scored by the Spartans. On Tuesday the team blanked Garden City's McFarlane-King with Paul Tonnemacher outdueling Joe Huber. Tonnemacher gave up three hits and Huber five. The former fanned 13, to his rival's five.

Paul Camp singled, went to second on an infield roller and scored on Ron Horstman's single for the game's only run.

Pistons to Train At Marysville

The Detroit Pistons will train at a new, but old base for them in September.

General manager Edwin E. Coil has announced the Pistons will return to Marysville High School.

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